

NEWSLETTER



Stafford Squash Club - December 2011

New! Stafford Squash Club Website

The new Stafford Squash Club website was officially launched on 1st of December.

Take a look at <http://www.staffordsquash.com.au/> The website is full of pictures and video's including a snippet of the Open Final from the 2011 Club Championships between Greg Hamon (w) and Dave Copper (r/up).

However ...if you want to see real talent, download the compilation video of the 2010 doubles tournament and replay, over and over, the dance of joy from the winners of Division Three!

There is also an interesting section on the history of the club and a direct link to our Facebook site. If you haven't joined the club's Facebook site please log in a have a look. If you join we can automatically notify you of club events like the Christmas Party, Tournaments etc.

Tim Harradine has done a fantastic job setting up the website and he continues to add more material and improvements. Tim Harradine has single handedly rebuilt the website. It looks fantastic. If you need a professional Photographer or Videographer, please give Tim a call.

Welcome to Janette and Kylie

With the departure of Jim and Jenny to Hervey Bay, Janette and Kylie have stepped in to take over the management of the courts. They are doing a fantastic job. I hope everyone can stop for a few minutes and introduce themselves.

For those of you who don't remember, Kylie grew up at the courts and has been a fixture of the club for many years. She was one of Queensland best juniors and rumour has it that she's making a comeback!

Doubles Tournament

The Stafford Doubles Tournament was held on Saturday 22nd October. The tournament was a huge success with around 60 players competing in seven divisions.

Video of the games can be viewed via a link on the Stafford Squash Club website or directly on the Stafford youtube channel www.youtube.com/user/StaffordSquashClub. Check out the channel for some of the action.

Thanks to Grant for organising a great tournament. The prizes really were fantastic, both in quality and quantity with half the players receiving a prize. Also thanks to the club members who helped so much on the day and the lead up to the tournament, and a special thanks to the sponsors, Apollo Motorhomes for their \$2,500 vouch, Advanced Video Integration for the two Sony LCD TV's and Coke for the shirts, towels, bags, esky's and BBQ's.

Team Captains

We are nearly half way through our season, and I would like to ask all players to give their team captains a hand. Organising a team (or two) every week is a much easier job if the entire team helps. Please work with your team to ensure your team is organised early. There is nothing worst they chasing reserve players on the afternoon of a game. If you can't play it is primarily your responsibility to find a reserve, not your captains!

Club Championships

The Club Championships were held on Sunday 20th November. Thanks to those participants. We look forward to even more people playing next year.

The final between Greg Hamon and Dave Cooper was a fantastic match and a spectacle for those fortunate to watch it. It was a very close contest with Greg eventually winning in 4 sets. Highlights can be viewed on the Stafford website.



Open:

Men's Club Champion: Greg Hamon
Runner-up: Dave Cooper
Third: Zoe Petrovansky
Plate Winner: Grant Clayton

B Grade:

Winner: Reuben Wuild
Runner-up: Felicity Baker
Plate Winner: Neil Engel

C Grade

Winner: Michael Wilkinson
Runner-up: Paul Reid

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Sunday 20th November. The committee is as follows:

President: Peter Smith
Vice-President: Bob Gibb
Treasurer: Greg Hamon
Secretary: Felicity Baker
Club Captain: Grant Clayton

Social Convener: Judith Hunt
Web-site Manager: Tim Harradine

Committee Members:

Noel Tesch: Bob Murphy
Zoe Petrovansky: Reuben Wild
Geoff Clayton: Gary Gray

Jim Pearson was nominated as Club Patron.

Items of note from General Business

- Junior coaching program on Saturday mornings with Zoe. Please contact Peter Smith or Zoe if you would be willing to help coaching.
- We had our first Junior team at Stafford this season...for many years. Another is planned for next season.
- Inflatable courts are to be placed in local schools over the coming weeks
- Look at branding our club with a new club shirt.
- Suggest development of club facilities – ie: Replace notice boards in foyer and upstairs, tidy up area, renovate bar in club room, add facilities to upstairs bar area, repaint the courts

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was held at Ramekins Cafe on Saturday 26th November. There was an excellent turn-out. The food and service was outstanding and the owners helped us run the bar, serving our drinks and collecting money for us.

The club but on some free beer to kick the night off and if members are keen to return next year, we will make sure we supply some wine as well.

The night was also an opportunity to farewell Jim and Jenny who are now retiring to Hervey Bay. We were able to thank them for their many years at the courts and the invaluable help they have been to the club.

Peter Smith also asked Jim to become our Club Patron. We look forward to keeping in contact with them and perhaps seeing them on their occasional visits to Brisbane

Pro Tip

Have you seen the green and red strings that the professional squash players use? Many players don't know the importance of the strings that they play with. Often, its not the racquet matters! It's the strings in it. Restringing your racquet is a cheap way to instantly improve your game.

All players will benefit from a high tech multi-filament string like those from Technofibre or Ashaway. Good strings will let you hit the ball harder and more accurately... but with much less effort. Good strings are essential for older players and juniors.

Talk to Janette and Ernie about a string that suits you. Ask them about how hard to string your racquet and even the diameter of the string to use! If your racquet is feeling a bit tired this is the best way to give it, and your game a lift.

Merry Christmas

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing all of you (and possibly more of you) back in 2012. So not too much Christmas pudding! We will also produce a calendar of events early in 2012 so we can all mark of our diaries.

